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Patent of Alan E. Moorman et al.

Patent No. 6,906,078 *B2*

Issued June 14, 2005

Confirmation No. 3271

For METHOD OF USING (H^+ / K^+) ATPASE INHIBITORS AS ANTIVIRAL AGENTS

October 31, 2005

REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE
OF CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.322

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

On studying the above-identified patent, the following errors, apparently made in part by applicant and in part by the Patent and Trademark Office, were found (these errors are also noted on the attached form PTO-1050):

** On the Face of the Patent (63) Related U.S. Application Data, that portion reading "April 24, 1994, now abandoned" should read -- April 29, 1994, now abandoned --.

** In column 1, lines 11 and 12, "Apr. 24, 1994" should read -- Apr. 29, 1994 --.

In column 70, claim 9, line 63, "claim 8" should read -- claim 5 --.

(See Response After Advisory Action dated July 23, 2004; claim 39 (new claim 9) depended from claim 35 (new claim 5).)

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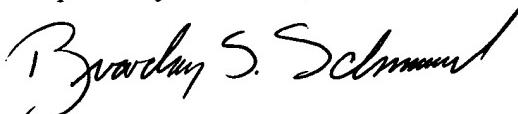
REMARKS

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.322, a copy of the Response After Advisory Action, dated July 23, 2004, and a copy of the Notice of Allowance dated August 9, 2004, are attached.

Since the error shown above marked with double asterisks was made by applicant, the \$100.00 fee required under Rule 1.323 is enclosed.

We respectfully request that a certificate of correction be issued.

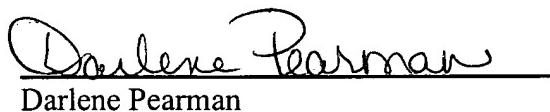
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing Letter to the Patent and Trademark Office in the patent of Alan E. Moorman et al., Patent No. 6,906,078, issued June 14, 2005 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Post Issue, Certificate of Corrections Branch, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on this 31st day of October, 2005.

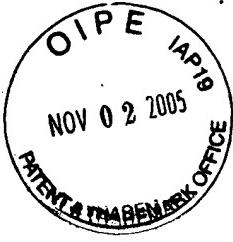


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Application of Alan E. Moorman et al. Art Unit 1621
Serial No. 09/885,221
Filed June 20, 2001
Confirmation No. 3271
For METHOD OF USING (H+/K+) ATPase INHIBITORS AS ANTIVIRAL AGENTS
Examiner Kumar

July 23, 2004

RESPONSE AFTER ADVISORY ACTION

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Advisory action dated June 9, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 5 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 33 wherein the **benzimidazole** compound contains a sulfur radical selected from the group consisting of sulfoxide, alkylthio, and sulfone.

Claims 3-21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (Currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 33 wherein the **benzimidazole** compound contains a divalent sulfur bridge.

Claim 23-31 (Canceled)

Claim 32 (Currently amended) The method of claim [[31]] 38 wherein the serine herpetoviridae protease is assemblin.

Claim 33 (Previously presented) A method of treating a herpetoviridael infection in a subject in need of such treatment, said method comprising treating the subject with a therapeutically effective amount of a sulfur-containing benzimidazole compound, wherein the compound is an inhibitor of a (H⁺/K⁺) ATPase and an inhibitor of a herpetoviridae protease.

Claim 34 (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 2 wherein the **benzimidazole** compound contains a sulfone radical.

Claim 35 (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 2 wherein the **benzimidazole** compound contains a sulfoxide radical.

(6) Claim 36 (Previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the herpetoviridae is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

(7) Claim 37 (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the herpetoviridae is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7; pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

(8) Claim 38 (Previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.

(9) Claim 39 (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.

REMARKS

Claims 33 and 36-39 are allowed.

On June 9, 2004, Applicants' representative Aleksandra Suri and Examiner Shailendra Kumar had a scheduled telephone interview to discuss the patentability of claims 2, 22, 34, and 35. Applicants requested allowance of the above-referenced claims upon modifying their dependency to depend from claim 33. The Examiner stated that claims modified in such manner would be allowable as long as the term "the compound" in claims 2, 22, 34, and 35 was modified to "the benzimidazole compound." The Examiner also requested that the Applicant's representative prepare an interview summary and submit the amended claims for final review. In preparing this response, Applicants note that claim 32 was not discussed; however, Applicants believe that this claim is allowable upon modifying its dependency in accordance with the above-mentioned claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 2, 22, 32, 34, and 35.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the claim amendments, and solicit an allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should any issues remain unresolved.

The time for response was previously extended to May 28, 2004 by payment of a one month extension fee and now further extended to and including July 28, 2004 by the enclosed check in the amount of \$840.00 in payment of the additional two month extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of government fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

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✓ TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF USING (H+/K+) ATPASE INHIBITORS AS ANTIVIRAL AGENTS

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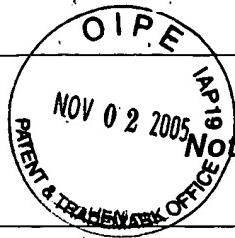
Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 20 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 20 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
09/885,221	MOORMAN ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
SHAILENDRA - KUMAR	1621

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 7/23/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 33,2,22,34-39 and 32(renumbered as 1-10).
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

SHAILENDRA - KUMAR
Primary Examiner
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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. In the preliminary amendment A of 9/3/02, line 2, after "2000," line 4, after "1999," line 5, after "1996," -- now abandoned, -- is inserted; line 6, after "1994," --now abandoned -- is inserted.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior arts are Lindberg et al and EP 0 407 217. Lindberg is teaching structurally similar benzimidazoles having inhibiting property of H+/K+ ATPase, but does not teach the compounds to be inhibitor of herpetoviridae protease and thus does not teach the treatment of herpetoviridael infection. EP'217 teaches structurally similar compounds to be in the treatment of herpesvirus, but does not define the two functionality as claimed herein. Table 2 in the present specification details results comparing the ability of the various imidazoles. One of the compounds is omeprazole, also disclosed by Lindberg et al. This compound is found to have 0% assembling inhibition and thus does not fall in the claimed category of compounds having dual functionality. Thus all the benzimidazoles compounds having sulfur-containing group cannot be characterized to be having dual functionality as claimed herein. Some of the compounds having dual property of inhibiting H+/K+ ATPase and inhibiting herpetoviridae protease is described in the specification on page 39, wherein there is amino group substituted on the pyridine or phenyl ring. No such amino substituted ring is

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suggested in Lindberg et al, or no such benzimidazoles are taught in the EP'217 reference, and hence there is no motivation to one of ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the claimed method using the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAILENDRA - KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00-5:30, Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on (571)272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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SHAILENDRA - KUMAR
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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 6,906,078 *B2*

DATED : June 14, 2005

INVENTOR(S): Alan E. Moorman, Daniel P. Becker, Daniel L. Flynn

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the Face of the Patent

(63) Related U.S. Application Data, that portion reading "April 24, 1994, now abandoned" should read -- April 29, 1994, now abandoned --.

Column 1

Lines 11-12, "Apr. 24, 1994" should read -- Apr. 29, 1994 --.

Column 70

Line 63, "claim 8" should read -- claim 5 --.

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